

Greenville Tea Party VETO Scorecard 2015

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%	G R A D E
GOOD VOTES	

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	%	GRAND TOTAL
GOOD VOTES	50	100
POOR VOTES	50	100

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	%	GOOD VOTES	GRADUATES
1990	75	100	100
1991	75	100	100
1992	75	100	100
1993	75	100	100
1994	75	100	100
1995	75	100	100
1996	75	100	100
1997	75	100	100
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2080	75	100	100
2081	75	100	100
2082	75	100	100
2083	75	100	100

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